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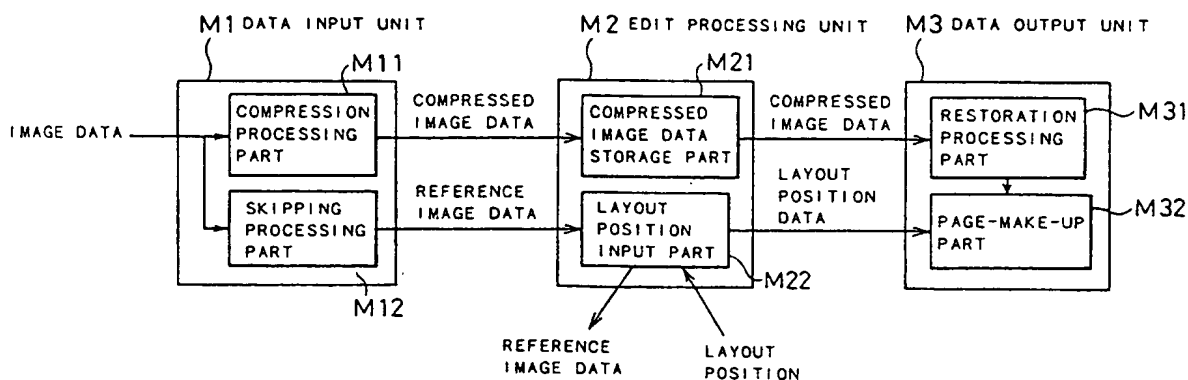
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Image processing method and image processing system.

Layout editor 5 stores a set of compressed image data d1, reference image data d2, and management data d3 for each picture element read by reading scanner 1. The editor displays an image of the picture element based on the reference image data d2 on a terminal device 13, obtain layout data d4 specified by an operator together with cutout data d5, and stores the data d4 and d5 in the magnetic disk unit for each picture element. An output pro-

cessing unit 7 lays out picture elements according to the layout data and the cutout data in a one-page-image, and outputs the layout page data to a recording scanner 9. Compressed data and skipped data, but not original image data, are used in laying out picture elements in a one-page-image; this reduces the data volume handled in the layout operation.

Fig. 2





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